

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)	)	MM Docket No. 99-298
Table of Allotments,	)	RM-9714
FM Broadcast Stations.	)	
	)	
(St. James & Fairmont, Minnesota)	)	
To: Mass Media Bureau (Policy & Rules)		

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF RULE MAKING

Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company, ("Minnesota Valley") by its attorney, respectfully supports the reallocation of Channel 263C2 from St. James, Minnesota, to Fairmont, Minnesota, as proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA 99-2100, released October 8, 1999, in the above-captioned proceeding. Minnesota Valley hereby incorporates by reference its petition for rule making and reiterates the need of Fairmont, Minnesota, for its second FM station and its first competitive local service.

As requested at paragraph 3 of the NPRM, petitioner supplies herewith more specific data regarding areas and populations which will gain service if Channel 263C3 is reallocated to Fairmont. Petitioner is also attaching as an exhibit hereto, letters from the City of Fairmont Community Development Director and the President of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce welcoming the prospect of a Fairmont station.

Upon amendment of §73.202(b) of the Commission's rules and finalization of this proceeding as proposed, Minnesota Valley

will promptly prepare and file an appropriate application for the proposed facility. Upon grant of said application, Minnesota Valley will diligently pursue the construction thereof and begin operating with the new facilities as quickly as possible.

In view of the above, the Commission should amend Section 73.202(b) as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Fairmont, Minnesota	291C3	263C2, 291C3
St. James, Minnesota	263C2, 268C3	268C3

Respectfully Submitted,

MINNESOTA VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

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November 29, 1999

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October 26, 1999

Mr. John Linder  
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Dear Mr. Linder:

On behalf of the City of Fairmont we certainly have appreciated your interest and commitment. Radio personnel continue to take an active part in community activities. It is these community activities that make Fairmont such a great place.

Fairmont continues to see new business growth. Much has been in small business, those with 20 or fewer employees. This year, Fairmont will exceed for the third time in the last 16 years building permit values over \$9 Million. Projects such as the downtown renovation and the new aquatic park are evidence of the City's commitment to growth and a progressive attitude about providing a great place to raise children and grow a business. Projects such as the Hospital/Clinic expansion -- \$14 Million; Victoria State Crossing Professional Center -- \$2.5 Million; Lakeview Methodist Care Facility -- \$4.5 Million are evidence of the business community's willingness to re-invest in Fairmont. Fairmont area businesses continue to create high quality, well paying jobs.

We look forward to having your radio station at Fairmont complimenting and offering services to the existing array of businesses in Fairmont. If there is anything the City of Fairmont can do to make your transition go smoothly do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

**CITY OF FAIRMONT**

  
Mike Humpal, CED  
Community Development Director

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**C I T Y O F L A K E S**



# FAIRMONT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Inc.

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November 9, 1999

Secretary of FCC  
RM - 9714  
Washington, DC 20554

Secretary of FCC:

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce supports the application of MN Valley Broadcasting Company to locate a FM station in Fairmont, Minnesota. We are a growing community and look forward to the additional employment this station will create.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

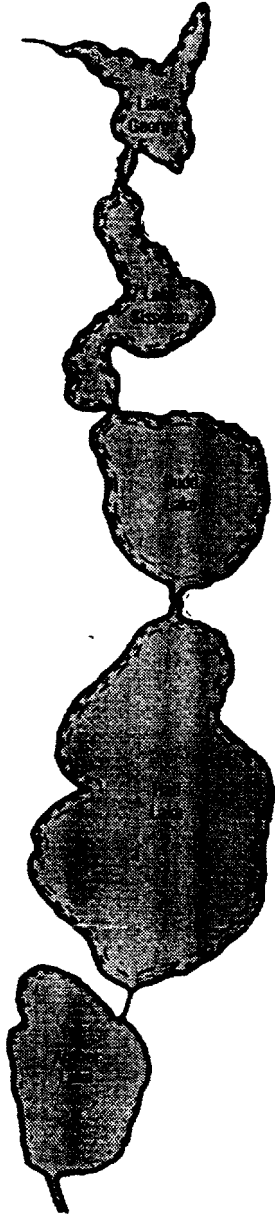
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Bob Wallace, President

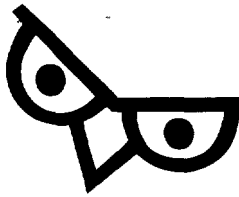
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cc: MN Valley Broadcasting Co.



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## ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This engineering statement was prepared for Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("MVBC") licensee of radio station KXAC, St. James, Minnesota, on 263C2. In a Rule Making (RM-9714, MM 99-298) it was proposed to change the community of license to Fairmont, Minnesota.

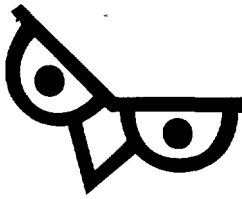
In the Notice Of Proposed Rule Making it was requested by FCC Staff that "MVBC" supply additional information in the proceeding. Specifically, it was requested to provide information on the gain service area for population and areas.

## COVERAGE CONTOURS

The three-to-sixteen-kilometer average terrain elevations were derived from the Defense Mapping Agency 3-second topography database.

The effective antenna radiation center height for each of the eight standard 45-degree spaced radials was used in conjunction with the F(50,50) metric curves of Figure 1 of Section 73.333 of the Rules to determine the distances to the 70 dBu coverage contours for both the presently licensed KXAC facility and the proposed facility. The contours drawn from the data are depicted on the map included as Engineering Exhibit Figure 2.

The overlapping and gain area is shown in Engineering Exhibit Figure 1. The gain area was determined to be 1,892 square kilometers.



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## POPULATION DATA

Based on the 1990 U.S. Census of Population, the number of persons enclosed by the proposed 70 dBu coverage gain area contour is 14,901 persons. The population count was made through the employment of a computer program containing a database including the geographic coordinates of the centroids of population groupings and was based on the gain area shown in Engineering Exhibit Figure 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garrett G. Lysiak, P.E.

November 24, 1999

